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TAGS: OREP (MEYNER, HELEN S.)

SUBJ: CODEL MEYNER

REF: STATE 149334

1. PLANS FOR CODEL'S TRIP HAVE BEEN HELD UP PENDING CLARIFICATION CURRENT DIFFICULTIES IN BEIRUT. THERE HAS BEEN FIGHTING IN PARTS OF THE CITY AND SNIPING HAS RESUMED. LEBANESE ARE REMAINING IN THEIR HOMES AND THOSE WITH WHOM CODEL MIGHT WISH TO SEE ARE COMPLETELY ABSORBED WITH ENDEAVORING TO RESOLVE CRISIS. AT THE MOMENT, IN ADDITION TO UNCERTAINTY OF SECURITY SITUATION, POLITICAL ISSUE APPEARS TO BE ON DEAD CENTER. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, DIFFICULT TO PREDICT WHEN SITUATION WILL IMPROVE.

2. WE HAVE TALKED TO GHASSAN TUENI WHO IS AWARE OF VISIT BUT FOR REASONS MENTIONED ABOVE, HAS NOT HAD TIME TO FOCUS ON ARRANGEMENTS. THERE IS CONSEQUENTLY, AT THE MOMENT, NO PROBLEM OF OVERSCHEDULING. AS CODEL WILL BE ARRIVING WEEKEND, DOUBTFUL THAT WE CAN ARRANGE MANY SUBSTANTIVE MEETINGS. WE, OF COURSE, WILL DO OUR BEST. WE HAVE ALREADY TALKED WITH PRESIDENT KIRKWOOD WHO WOULD BE PLEASED SEE MRS. MEYNER ON THE AFTERNOON OF THE 5TH AT HIS HOME ON THE CAMPUS. IT IS DIFFICULT FOR HIM TO SEE HER ANY OTHER DAY AS HE WILL BE PREPARING FOR THE ANNUAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING WHICH COMMENCES ON THE 7TH.

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3. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH
CODEL AT THE BEGINNING OF THE WEEK AT WHICH TIME WE HOPE
TO BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO COME UP WITH SOME PROGRAM
SUGGESTIONS.

4. RESERVATIONS MADE AT ST. GEORGE FOR JULY 5-6.
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